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BANGKOK FOR GAO OFFICE

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GAO TEAM

1. ON ARRIVAL JAKARTA SEPT 11, GAO TEAM (PEGG AND LIDMAN) MAKING REVIEW OF FMS PROGRAMS DID NOT HAVE INDONESIAN VISAS. THROUGH EFFORTS OF DLG OFFICER WHO WAS AT AIRPORT TO RECEIVE THEM, GOI IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES EVENTUALLY AGREED TO THEIR TEMPORARY AND CONDITIONAL ADMISSION (TWO AUSTRALIANS WITHOUT VISAS ON SAME FLIGHT WERE FORCED TO RETURN TO SINGAPORE). WE HAVE SENT LETTER OF APOLOGY TO IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND ARE SEEKING TO REGULARIZE THEIR STATUS HERE, THOUGH WE ARE AS YET UNCERTAIN WHETHER GOI WILL PERMIT THEM TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS GAO MAKE SURE PERSONNEL PLANNING TRAVEL TO INDONESIA ARE AWARE THAT VISA IS REQUIRED. WE CANNOT ASSURE THAT GOI IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WILL IN FUTURE BE AS ACCOMODATING AS THEY WERE IN THIS CASE, AND WE ARE NATURALLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID INCONVIENCE AND STRAIN ON OUR RELATIONS WITH GOI AGENCIES CREATED BY INCIDENTS OF THIS SORT. INCONVIENCE IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT GAO TEAM SHIFTED ARRIVAL TO LATER FLIGHT WITH-

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OUT NOTICE TO EMBASSY, EVEN THOUGH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED

THAT WE WOULD HAVE OFFICER ON HAND TO MEET THEM.

3. EMBASSY ALSO SURPRISED TO LEARN AFTER TEAM'S
ARRIVAL OF THEIR DESIRE MEET WITH GOI OFFICIALS. GOI HAS
STANDING POLICY REQUIRING TWO WEEKS NOTICE FOR MEETINGS
WITH USG VISITORS: HOWEVER, WE WILL SEEK ARRANGE SUITABLE
INTERVIEW IF POSSIBLE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, IF, AS
HAS BEEN DONE WITH OTHER GAO TEAMS IN PAST, GAO WOULD APPRISE
US IN ADVANCE IF VISITING TEAM WISHES MEET WITH GOI
OFFICIALS.
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